

219. The increase under "III" occurs mostly in the Central Division of Kánara, and is owing to the receipts of 1891-92, having been swelled by the sale of an unusually-large quantity of confiscated wood (*vide* paragraph 171 of that year's report).

EXPENDITURE.

A.—Conservancy and Works.

220. The decrease under "I," *viz.* Rs. 48,493, is ascribed to the following reasons :—

"a. Timber."

221. In the Northern Division of Kánara (Rs. 33,544), no new contracts to bring in wood to the depôt were given during the year, as there was on hand a large residue of timber brought in during the previous year; in Central Kánara (Rs. 16,467) payment to a contractor was withheld, as his timber did not reach the sale-depôt in time.

222. In Kolába, there is an increase of Rs. 19,961, which is due to a corresponding increase in the receipts under "I. a. Timber."

b. Firewood.

c. Grass and other minor produce.

223. The decreases under these heads amount to Rs. 9,353, and Rs. 15,424, respectively and are due to decreases in the corresponding heads of receipts.

224. The increase under "V" is due to larger payments to Khots and *Rakhwáldárs* in Kolába; that under "VII" is due to construction of a depôt-house at Hubli, and under "IX" to charges connected with grain-compensation to certain forest subordinates.

B.—Establishment.

225. The increase of Rs. 16,718 under "I.—Salaries" is attributable to the reorganization-scheme of the superior staff, introduced in this Presidency from 1st April, 1892, under which 4 officers were promoted in the grades of Deputy Conservator and 2 in those of Assistant-Conservator. The pay of Extra-Assistant-Conservators was also increased, and two additional appointments of that class were allotted to this Circle.

226. The following shows the value calculated at seigniorage-rates of the forest produce granted free during the two years 1891-92 and 1892-93 :—

Division.	1891-92 (FINANCIAL YEAR.)					1892-93 (FOREST YEAR.)				
	Timber.	Bam- boos of sorts.	Canes.	Fire- wood.	Value.	Timber.	Bamboos.	Canes.	Fire- wood.	Value.
	Cubic feet.	No.	Head- loads.	Cubic feet.	Rs.	Cubic feet.	No.		Cubic feet.	Rs.
Northern Division, Kánara	11,689	5,350	..	1,813	2,821	23,927	15,765	..	2,334	5,738
Central Division, Kánara	29,562	6,150	8	..	5,562	29,705	7,120	..	..	6,400
Southern Division, Kánara	16,238	3,000	11	..	3,771	22,057	..	..	..	4,916
Belgaum	763	..	..	..	184	3,252	4,368	..	792	899
Dhárwár	239	..	..	..	130	202	600	..	..	92
Bijápúr .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kolába	16,600	..	..	..	1,334	17,190	..	..	..	1,119
Ratnágiri .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	..	82
Total ..	75,166	14,500	19	1,813	13,792	90,433	27,851	..	3,126	19,286

227. The value of the produce taken free without special permission, including grass, firewood, timber, honey, &c., is not included in the above figures.

CHAPTER V.

FOREST ADMINISTRATION.

228. During the year, the relations of Forest-to Revenue-Officers and Government underwent a radical change. The effect of the new rules under Government Resolutions No. 650 of 26th January, 1891, and No. 7107 of 6th September, 1892, is the transfer of the management of unorganized forests to the Collector. The Conservator is placed under the Commissioner, and his direct connection with Government is severed, except in regard to questions of account, establishment and the annual report.